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PCT/GB2004/004795

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 G01N33/74 A61K39/00

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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EPO-Internal, BIOSIS, EMBASE, WPI Data, PAJ

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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P,A	<p>LEASK ANDREW ET AL: "Insights into the molecular mechanism of chronic fibrosis: The role of connective tissue growth factor in scleroderma." JOURNAL OF INVESTIGATIVE DERMATOLOGY, vol. 122, no. 1, January 2004 (2004-01), pages 1-6, XP008049522 ISSN: 0022-202X page 2, left-hand column, last paragraph - right-hand column, paragraph 1</p>	1-37
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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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